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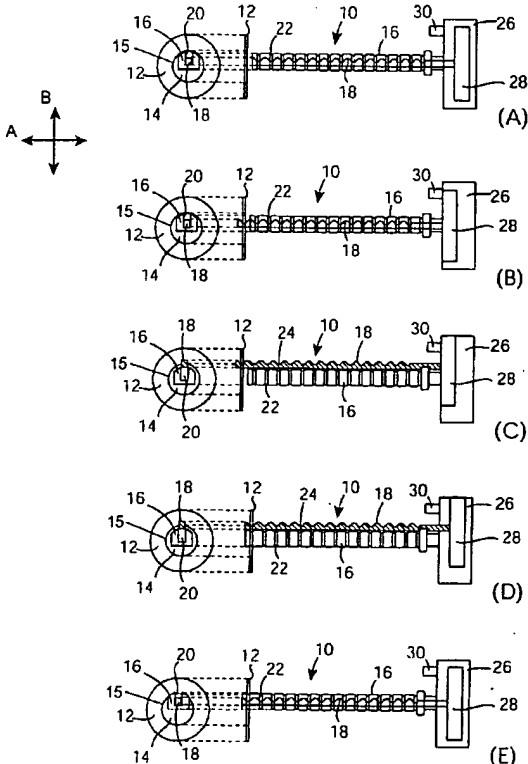
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with both a method and an apparatus for handling objects, in particular discs such as CD's or the like having an aperture therein defining a rim, the method comprising the steps of providing an elongate arm, and providing an elongate support adjacent the arm; extending the arm through the aperture of at least one of the discs; engaging the arm with the rim of the disc; retracting the arm such as to position the rim over the support; and displacing the arm such that the rim is engaged by the support, and then repeating this sequence of steps in order to stack a plurality of the discs onto the support for subsequent transfer and unloading.